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According to the report of Lt. Carl Dondorfer, on September 23, 2012 at 1:32am, the Lake County Sheriff's Office responded to the Harry Buffalo located at 2119 Mentor Ave in Painesville Twp. for a report of a large fight in progress at the bar. It was reported that the fight originated inside the bar between several male patrons and moved out into the parking lot with several males still fighting. Upon arrival on scene by the Sheriff's Office, it was determined that there were several people in the parking lot yelling and screaming.

Deputies on scene located an adult male on the ground in the parking lot bleeding profusely from the back of the head with serious visible injuries. The male was unresponsive and Painesville Twp. Fire responded to the scene to assist. The injured male patron was identified as Jeremy A. Blanchette, a 27 year old male from Mentor. Blanchette was transported to Tri-Point Medical Center in Concord Twp. and then flown via Life Flight to Metro Health Medical Center in Cleveland where he is listed in critical condition.

Initial investigation at the scene by deputies determined that Blanchette had just arrived at the establishment in his vehicle with two friends when he observed the fight in progress. Apparently Blanchette tried to intervene in the fight and in the process was either assaulted or knocked to the ground where he sustained his injuries. Additional witness accounts stated that there was a verbal argument between two groups of males within the bar that erupted into a fight which later moved out into the parking lot. Several of the involved males sustained minor injuries however none of the involved males were transported for medical evaluations from the scene.

The incident is still under investigation by the Lake County Sheriff's Office and anyone with information relevant to this incident is urged to contact the Detective Bureau at (440)350-5521.

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